



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, December 19, 2021- Advent Four
Lessons and Carols

Welcome Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please take time to fill out the welcome card in the pew to place in the offering basket and look for the welcome sign after church during coffee time so we can meet you!

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Christmas Medley"

Introit: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Wagner

Welcome & *Greeting Pastor Laura

***Sing:** "Once in Royal David's City" LUYH 87 vs. 1, 2, 5

Candle Lighting

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ, we light candles of hope, love, and peace as reminders of the promise that Emmanuel is our God with us and that God graciously gives us these gifts even if they sometimes come in ways that are mysterious to us. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace. We wait for God's promises of peace on earth and good will to all. We pray that God's peace would break through our restless hearts and lead us into unity with one another. In longing and trust, we light this candle of peace.

Let us pray: Emmanuel, God with us, in this Advent season we confess that we are a broken and prideful people. We fail to live as you have called us to live - choosing anger over patience, self-righteousness over understanding, conflict over peace. We give in too easily to our more selfish instincts, instead of living out of your mercy and love. Our hearts are wrapped up in fear and anxiety, instead of resting securely in your promises. Forgive us when we think we know better. Assure us once more that you hold all things in your hands, and that we can rest in you. Bring peace into our weary and troubled hearts. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Sing: "My Soul in Stillness Waits" LUYH 63 vs. 4, refrain

Hear these words of good news: Christ has promised us his peace, as he said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Response (Solo): "Welcome to Our World" Smith/Grant

Lesson One | God Creates Light

Genesis 1:1-5 *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

***Song:** "Wonderful Maker" Tomlin

Lesson Two | The Darkness of Sin Enters the World

Genesis 3: 6-19 *From the NIV*

Song: "Within the Darkest Night" Hakes

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LUYH 61 vs 1, 2, 6

Lesson Three | As Numerous as the Stars

Genesis 22: 15-18 *The Message*

Song: "Arise, Your Light is Come" LUYH 102

Lesson Four | The Light of Christ is Promised

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Song: "Behold a Day is Coming"

NIV
Williams/Drennan

Lesson Five | The Light of God's Favor

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

*Song: "Mary's Song"

The Voice

Kimbrough

Prayers of the People

Lesson Six | The Light Enters the World

John 1: 1-14

Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

The Message

LUYH 93

Lesson Seven | The Light of the New Creation

Revelation 21: 1-4, 22-27

Song: "Is He Worthy"

From the NIV

Peterson

*Blessing

*Song: "Arise, Shine"

LUYH 103 vs. 3

Postlude: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

arr. Held

Participants:

Rev. Laura deJong, preaching
Vivienne, McCarthy, harp
Lydia Moya, soloist
Jean Schuitman, organ, bell choir, choir
Samantha Farrar, kids dance
Julie Hordyk, piano
Jean Schuitman, choir
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Church News

Thank You From Char: Thank you church family for your many kind expressions of love, support, and encouragement following my surgery. I felt very blessed!

Save the Date: The Pinewood Derby is coming up on January 12 at 7 pm. We are excited to see everyone's car and have a fun race. Pizza and pop will be provided as well. Still interested? Reach out to Glenn Gronevelt or Rob Wagenmaker.

Worship Services in the Coming Weeks: **Plan to join us this week for our Winter Solstice Service on Tuesday evening at 7 pm. We will meet again on Friday, December 24 for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** We will not have a service on Christmas day and will meet again on Sunday, December 26 at the usual time of 10 a.m.. We will meet again in the New Year on Sunday, January 2 for our regular Sunday service. Lastly, we will have a special farewell service for Pastor Laura on Sunday, January 8. Any questions don't hesitate to reach out to us in the office!

Art in the Atrium: We have the opportunity to enjoy Joel Schoon-Tanis' art until the beginning of January. If you are interested in purchasing his book or any of the prints please reach out to Vange or Emily in the office. Thanks!

January Series January Series: We are very excited to host January series again this year. . The series will begin on January 10 and continues weekdays until January 28. Each lecture will be shown by live feed from Calvin University from 12:30-1:30. If you are not able to come to the North Hall to view the presentation, you can also watch digitally on Demand each day until midnight on your own device. Check out the schedule in your mailbox or grab an extra one on the welcome desk.

Calling All Bakers: As we host the January Series again this year, we are anticipating serving coffee, tea, and baked goods for those who can come. Please sign up this week at the welcome desk if you are willing to bring baked goods or act as a hostess for one of the days.

For those who were not present in worship last Sunday, it was announced at the Congregational Meeting following the service that **Rev. David Zuidema has agreed to fill the role of Pastoral Care** during our vacancy. He will be working closely with the Care Boards and Parish Nurse to make sure that the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation are met as we move forward without a Lead Pastor in place. He has also agreed to be on the preaching schedule. This is an answer to prayer and the Council is so thankful that he is willing to fill this need, ministering to his family at 2nd Church.

Schedules

SUNDAY - December 19

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Harley Dyk, Ben McCarthy, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: DeWitt (Team 10) Chuck DeWitt, Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Jim and Joan Query, Hank and Sharon Ottens

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: No little lambs, kids are participating in the service

Walk Out Worship: No walk out Worship, Kids are participating in the service

Greeters: Jan Zuidema, Ken and Mary Terpstra

Offering: Dan and Kristen Hamilton

SUNDAY - December 26

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Jim Query, Ben McCarthy, Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Mulder (Team 11) Jim Mulder, Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Jon and Renee Mulder, Jim and Ruth Mulder

Nursery: Jenny Keuning, Mary Winkle

Little Lambs: Lyndsey Huisman, DeeAnn Hordyk

Walk Out Worship: Sherri Van Duyn, Yasmin Vanderheide

Greeters: Glenn Gronevelt, Harley and Maryann Dyk

Offering: Habitat for Humanity

Calendar

SUNDAY - December 19

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

MONDAY - December 20

1:30 p.m. - Ping Pong

TUESDAY - December 21

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.- Office Hours

7:00 p.m.- Winter Solstice Service

WEDNESDAY - December 22

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours

10:00 - 12:00 noon - Parish Nurse

1:00 p.m.- Knitter's Club

THURSDAY - December 23

9:00 a.m.- Women's Exercise Group

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- Office Hours

6:00 p.m.- EmpowerU

FRIDAY - December 24

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service

SATURDAY - December 25

Christmas!

SUNDAY - December 26

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

Questions for Round Table Discussion or around your dinner table:

How have you experienced the Light of Christ this holiday season?